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## SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS OCTOBER PECAN FORECAST

### OCTOBER 2002 EXCLUSIVELY FOR SURVEY RESPONDENTS

#### PECANS

*Dear Respondent:*

*This issue of the **NEW MEXICO AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS** covers the results of the Pecan October Forecast. This is being sent exclusively to those of you who responded to our request for data. The information you provided made these published estimates possible. Thank you for your cooperation and the time spent completing the surveys.*

*Sincerely,*



Dwaine C. Nelson  
State Statistician

**NEW MEXICO:** The first forecast for the 2002 pecan production is 36 million pounds, 24 million pounds less than last years record high crop. The decrease is due to the alternate bearing cycle of pecan trees. New Mexico continues to rank 3rd nationally in the production of pecans.

**UNITED STATES:** The October 1 forecast for 2002 pecan utilized production is 202 million pounds (in-shell basis), down 40 percent from last year's crop and 4 percent below the 2000 crop year. The dry summer growing conditions in some locations combined with the low year of the alternate bearing cycle have contributed to a markedly smaller crop. These dry conditions caused early nut drop, especially in non-irrigated groves. Improved varieties are expected to make up 152 million pounds or three quarters of the total, while the Native and seedling varieties, at 49.6 million pounds, make up the remaining crop.

**All Pecans: Utilized Production 2000-01 and Forecasted  
October 1, 2002**

State	2000	2001	2002
-----1,000 Pounds-----			
AL	15,000	15,000	10,000
AZ	14,500	21,000	15,000
AR	900	2,600	1,700
CA	3,400	3,700	2,800
FL	3,300	3,300	1,500
GA	80,000	110,000	50,000
KS	550	2,200	1,700
LA	18,000	14,000	9,000
MS	3,500	4,500	3,000
<b>NM</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>36,000</b>
NC	1,600	3,200	2,000
OK	2,500	20,000	18,000
SC	1,600	4,000	1,000
TX	30,000	75,000	50,000
<b>US</b>	<b>209,850</b>	<b>338,500</b>	<b>201,700</b>